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(1) Here and elsewhere on this form, the information sought relates only to the condition for which the employee is taking FMLA leave.

(2) "Incapacity" for purposes of FMLA, is defined to mean inability to which, attend school or perform other regular daily activities due to the serious health condition, treatment therefrom.

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6. s. If additional treatments will be required for the condition, provide an estimate of the probable number of such treatments:

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If the patient will be absent from work or other daily activities because of treatment on an intermitten or part-time basis, elso provide an estimate of the probable number of and marval between such treatments, actual or estimated dates of treatment if known, and period required for recovery if any:

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- b. If any of these treatments will be provided by another provider of health services (e.g., physical therapist), please state the nature of the treatments?
- If a regimen of continuing treatment by the patient is required under your supervision, provide a general description of such regimen (e.g., prescription drugs, physical therapy requires special equipment);

PT corestly receiving of SAIDS, muscle relaxants;

7. a. If medical leave is required for the employee's absence from work because of the employee's own condition (including absences due to pregnancy or a chronic condition), at the employee unable to perform work of any kind?

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b. If able to perform some work, is the employee unable to perform any one or more of the essential functions of the employee's job (the employee or the employer should supply to with information about the essential job functions)? If yes, please list the essential functions the employee is unable to perform:

No - see fore

c. If neither a. nor b. applies, is it necessary for the employee to the absent from work for treatment?

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- 8. w. If leave is required to care for a family memner of the employed with a serious health condition, does the patient require assistance for basic medical or personal needs or eareign or for transportation?

 - b. If no, would the employee's presence to provide psychological admiration be beneficial to the patient or assist in the patient's recovery?

c. If the patient will need care only intermittently or on a part-time it ais, please indicate the probable duration of this

Signature of Health Care Provider

Address

TIMOTHY J. KOSMATKA, MAJ. USAF, M

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850 - 88 3- 9148 Telephone Number

To be completed by the employee needing family leave to care for a military member:

State the care you will provide and an estimate of the period during which care will be provided, including a schedule if leave is to be taken intermittently or if it will be necessary for you to want less than a full schedule:

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DEFENDANT'S

EXHIBIT

Whitney, Robert A.

From:

Sam Houston !

Tuesday, September 06, 2005 2:22 PM

Whitney, Robert A. Wilmer Tharpe

Cc: Subject:

Letter of Support for the VA



Bob,

A couple of days ago, I received a letter from the VA explaining their denied on my claim for individual unemployability (IU). The employment information supplied by Army Fleet Support dated June 10, 2005 stated that I was still employed by Army Fleet Support. I know I have recall rights to my old job as an aircraft mechanic and we both know that I can't perform those duties anymore.

My Family Doctor and I have discuss my medical conditions and my increasing disabilities he has agreed that my medical condition and disabilities warrant my removal from the workforce. My Doctor is currently witting a letter to the VA on my behalf for my future claim of IU. But your letter concerning my employment information to the VA has created a huge obstruction to my future claim of IU.

I'm asking you for a letter that would clear up this misunderstanding. A detailed letter stating that I have not physically worked for AFS since September 2004 but instead was "involuntary terminated / administratively terminated "or you could use your new terminology "put on medical leave" for the next 18 months due to my disabilities and my permanent physical restrictions.

m going to FAX you the portion from the VA decision letter concerning my aim for UI so you can see I'm telling the truth

Your letter will have a powerful impact on the VA for my IU

I have signed and return the removal letter to the NLRB you should have already received notification from the NLRB concerning this matter

If you have any questions please call me on my cell phone

Sincerely Sam Houston REDACTED

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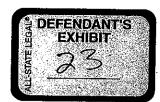
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STATE OF ALABAMA BOARD OF APPEALS FOR

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS MONTGOMERY, AL 36131

B. Of A. Case No. 8782B. Of A. Decision No. 474

Place of Hearing: Dothan

AT. Case No. 04747-AT-05

Date of Hearing: July 13, 2005

DECISION OF BOARD OF APPEALS

In re claim of

Samuel P. Houston former employee of Army Fleet Support LLC

Fort Rucker, AL

DEPT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATION Worker's Social Security RECORDS.

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Nell Smart, Jr.

APPEARANCES: Claimant with an attorney and the employer representative with a witness.

ISSUE(S): Voluntarily leaving most recent bona fide work without good cause connected with such work. Section 25-4-78(2) Code of Alabama 1975

Whether the claimant is able to work. Section 25-4-77(a)(3) Code of Alabama 1975

FINDINGS: The employer appealed the decision of an Administrative Hearing Officer that granted benefits.

The claimant was employed by the listed employer as an aircrast mechanic. The claimant injured his back August 11, 2004 away from work and was released to return to his former job on March 14, 2005. His medical restrictions prevented his returning to work as an aircrast mechanic. The employer has a labor agreement with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. The claimant is covered by this contract. According to the appropriate language in the labor agreement the claimant is to fill out a form that would let the employer know the job(s) he wishes to be considered for. Testimony before the Board indicates that the claimant has failed to do this. The claimant has not been terminated.

CONCLUSIONS: Section 25-4-78(2) of the Law provides for the disqualification of an individual who voluntarily leaves last bona fide work without good cause connected with the work. The claimant's employment has not been severed and he is not subject to disqualification under this provision of the Law.

Section 25-4-77(a)(3) requires as a condition of eligibility that a claimant be mentally and physically able to perform work in which he has prior experience or training. The claimant has not complied with the appropriate language in the labor agreement, therefore he has failed to meet the availability requirements of the Law and is subject to a disqualification under the provisions of this section of the Law.

B. of A. Case No. 8782 continued Samuel P. Houston SSN:

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DECISION: The decision of the Administrative Hearing Officer is modified. The claimant has failed to comply with the terms of the Labor agreement. He is disqualified under the provisions of Section 25-4-77(a)(3) of the Law effective March 13, 2005.

No disqualification is assessed under the provisions of 25-4-78(2).

Benefits paid the claimant contrary to this decision constitutes an overpayment which the claimant is required to repay in accordance with Section 25-4-91(d)(1)(a) of the Law.

Done this <u>5th</u> Day of <u>August</u>, 2005. And service made on parties of interest this date VIA U. S. Mail.

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1	MR. BLEVINS: Welcome to the
2	one o'clock docket for the Board of
3	Appeals hearings, Dothan, Alabama.
4	We're starting about an hour and ten
5	minutes late. We'll try to get
6	everyone out of here at a decent time.
7	The board members are appointed by
8	the governor to review unemployment
9	claims at the last level before they go
10	into the court system.
11	Let me introduce some members of
12	the board. To my left is Ms. Charlotte
13	Flowers.
14	MS. FLOWERS: Good afternoon.
15	MR. BLEVINS: Mr. Don Jones to
16	my right.
17	MR. JONES: Good afternoon.
18	MR. BLEVINS: Our court
19	reporter today is Bridgette Mitchell.
20	My name is Joe Blevins.
21	A decision will not be made on your
22	claim today. In about four weeks, you
23	will receive the decision of the board

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1	by certified mail, return receipt
2	requested. If you disagree with that
3	decision, you can file an appeal with
4	the circuit court in the county in
5	which the claimant resides. That
6	information will be forwarded to you
7	along with the decision.
8	We'll go by docket today. It's a
9	list that's been prepared in Montgomery
10	for us to use. When we call your name
11	or your employer's name, anyone that's
12	present for that case please come
13	forward, remain standing, the court
14	reporter will administer the oath, and
15	then you can be seated. Board members
16	will ask questions they feel pertinent
17	to the case. And we'll give anyone a
18	chance to say what they want to say as
19	long as it's relevant to the case at
20	hand.
21	If you would, either turn off or
22	put all cell phones on silent mode, or
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2 .	of these hearings.
3	Case No. 9, Samuel P. Houston, Army
4	Fleet Support, LLC.
5	ALL PARTIES, having first been duly
6	sworn or affirmed to speak the truth,
7	the whole truth, and nothing but the
8	truth, testified as follows:
9	MR. BLEVINS: Administrative
10	hearing officer scheduled a hearing for
11	May 5, 2005. The employer was not
12	present for that hearing. The hearing
13	officer affirmed the prior
14	determination allowing benefits and the
15	employer has appealed.
16	The procedure we'll follow here,
17	since we have counsel, will be board
18	members will ask direct questions, then
19	when we're finished, if counsel has any
20	relevant material he feels we've
21	missed, we'll give you a chance to put
22	that on the record.
23	MR. THARPE: Thank you.

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1	MR. BLEVINS: Mr. Houston, did
2	you quit your job with Army Fleet?
3	MR. HOUSTON: No, sir.
4	MR. BLEVINS: Okay. Did
5.	someone tell you you were discharged?
6	MR. HOUSTON: I was given
7	paperwork saying, originally, I was
8	involuntarily terminated. Then I was
9	given a second piece of paper saying
10	that I was administratively terminated.
11	MR. BLEVINS: Who will speak
12	first for the employer?
13	MR. WHITNEY: I will.
14	MR. BLEVINS: He was terminated
15	from his job?
16	MR. WHITNEY: He was not, sir.
17	MR. BLEVINS: Was he given any
18	paperwork, as he has testified, that he
19	was involuntarily terminated?
20	MR. WHITNEY: He was briefed on
21	procedures after being on short-term
22	disability. Mr. Houston is a member of
23	the Army Fleet Support, which is a

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1	unionized workforce which falls under
2	a collective bargaining agreement.
3	Mr. Houston has a copy of that
4	collective bargaining agreement, and
5	there are citations of this procedure
6	in there.
7.	The articles that govern this
8	procedure begin with Article 1714, when
9	a person returns from short-term
10	disability and they're applying for
11	their position with restrictions.
12	Under 1714, it's referenced that if he
13	needs to return to work with
14	accommodations, he follows procedures
15	under 4.7. And I've tabbed all these
16	actions for you.
17	Under 4.7 and it's actually
18	4.7(B)(4) Mr. Houston, just as all
19	the union employees, or represented
20	employees, can apply for an alternate
21	position if we cannot accommodate their
22	restrictions under current
23	classification. Mr. Houston is an

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1	aircraft mechanic. His restrictions	
2	were extensive. And at the time of	his
3	return, when he submitted his	
4	return-to-work slip, it was suggeste	d
5	that he seek an alternate position.	
6	Mr. Houston has not availed himself	of
7	the process which is outlined in the	
8	CBA. Now, as I stated, it's under	
9	4.7(B)(4) that states a person who	
10	cannot work in their current	
11	classification can apply for an	
12	alternate position; that falls under	
13	Article 35.1.	
14	Article 35.1 states that all you	
15	have to do is submit paperwork	
16	requesting classification. And	
17	depending on what's in your file, if	
18	you're qualified for the position,	
19	seniority permitting, you will be in	
20	those positions. This is not	
21	happening. Mr. Houston was briefed o	o n
22	this. And in the statement written h	эу .
23	him, he does state that he was briefe	e d

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	2	by the HR manager.
		MR. BLEVINS: Let me ask you a
	3	couple basic questions. When did he
	4	actually last work?
	5	MR. WHITNEY: Mr. Houston's
	6	last day of work was September 2, '04.
	7	MR. JONES: Pardon me?
	8	MR. WHITNEY: September 2, '04.
	9	MS. FLOWERS: Last day worked?
1	.0	MR. WHITNEY: Last day worked.
1	1	MR. BLEVINS: And he had been
1	2	there several years?
1	3	MR. WHITNEY: He was first
1	4	hired on the contract on 2/25/02. He
1	5	gained employment with Army Fleet
1	6	Support under the new collective
1	7	bargaining agreement, new contract,
1	8	12/1/03.
1:	9	MR. BLEVINS: So it's your
20)	
21	1	testimony he was not able to perform
22		his primary job and he failed to
		attempt to obtain an alternate
23)	position? Sam Houston v. L3 Communications 439

1	Page 9 MR. WHITNEY: Yes, sir.
2	MR. BLEVINS: Is that
. 3	basically that's what I gather from
4	your testimony.
5	MR. WHITNEY: Yes, sir.
6	MR. BLEVINS: Is that correct?
7	Is that what happened?
8	MR. HOUSTON: No.
9	MR. BLEVINS: You did not
10	attempt to secure a different position?
11	MR. HOUSTON: I was there on
12	the morning and I asked very politely
13	to the HR representative if I could go
14	into my old career field for one day so
15	I may be allowed to reclassify, but
16	they would not allow me to go into my
17	old career field due to my physical
18	limitations. They refused to
19	accommodate those limitations.
20	MR. BLEVINS: Okay. Now, if I
21	understand the statements in the file,
22	the doctor has stated, apparently, that
23	your limitations are permanent; right?

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1	MR. HOUSTON: Yes, sir, they
2	are.
3	MR. BLEVINS: So is it your
4	testimony there was no alternative
5	position for you to seek?
6	MR. HOUSTON: I wanted to be an
7	aircraft scheduler. I was told prior
8	to this incident that I needed to type
9	thirty words a minute. So being that I
10	am from Florida, I went to Jobs Plus,
11	and they have a computer program there
12	that allowed me to brush up on my
13	typing. I brushed up on my typing to a
14	speed of thirty words a minute. And I
15	thought I had fulfilled the obligation
16	of reclassifying into a clerical job
17	that required me to meet the thirty-
18	word-per-minute requirement, and then I
19	was told that they cannot accommodate
20	me.
21	MR. BLEVINS: Is that correct,
22	he attempted to go into this clerical
23	field? Sam Houston v. L3 Communications 441

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1	MR. WHITNEY: No, sir.
2	MR. HOUSTON: Excuse me. I
3	wanted to be an aircraft scheduler.
4	MR. BLEVINS: And you formally
5	applied for that in some manner?
, 6	MR. HOUSTON: I asked them on
7	the day I returned, on the 14th of
8	March, with my doctor's return-to-work
9	slip, if I could reclassify, and they
10	said no.
11	MR. BLEVINS: Is that correct?
12	MR. WHITNEY: This is a
13	statement written by Mr. Houston.
14	About halfway through the final
15	paragraph, Mr. Houston states that when
16	he returned, the HR manager suggested
17	that he seek an alternate position
18	because it was directed by his doctor
19	he could not be in a mechanic position
20	but should look for a clerical or
21	sedentary position. The HR manager
22	suggested that he look at a position
23	like aircraft scheduler and that he

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1	should go work on his typing.
2	Now, at this time, there is no
3	obligation that this person return
. 4	that Mr. Houston return as an aircraft
5	mechanic not for one day, not for
6	one hour, not at all. At that time, he
7	had full CBA rights to fill out
8	documentation. He could have filled
9	out a request to be every
10	classification that he felt he was
11	qualified for. It has not been done.
12	We have no request on file for him to
13	reclassify into a position that we can
14	consider.
15	MR. BLEVINS: Let me go to
16	Ms. Flowers.
17	MS. FLOWERS: You're a federal
18	employee?
19	MR. WHITNEY: No, ma'am.
20	MS. FLOWERS: You're a contract
21	employee. Was he hurt on the job?
. 22	MR. WHITNEY: No, ma'am.
23	MS. FLOWERS: Not an on-the-job

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1	injury?
2	MR. WHITNEY: No, ma'am.
3	MS. FLOWERS: But he had been
4	out under doctor's care
5	MR. WHITNEY: Yes, ma'am.
6	MS. FLOWERS: for a period
7	of time. He came back with
8	restrictions that you would have to
9	accommodate?
10	MR. WHITNEY: Yes, ma'am.
11	MS. FLOWERS: And those
12	requirements, the way I see it here,
13	was just saying there's a requirement
14	that you'll undergo situations when you
15	come back. There are certain steps you
16	have to take in order for being
17	considered in place to meet his
18	accommodations?
19	MR. WHITNEY: Yes, ma'am.
20	MS. FLOWERS: And you're
21	telling me that he did not follow those
22	procedures for placement
23	MR. WHITNEY: Yes, ma'am.

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1	MS. FLOWERS: under these
2	circumstances?
3	MR. WHITNEY: Had there been a
4	termination, he had full grievance
5	rights under Article 7. There was no
6	termination. Mr. Houston is an
7	employee of Army Fleet Support for up
8	to five years or length of seniority,
9	which brings him up to March 2007. He
10	can come in at any time and apply for a
11	position that he's qualified for. This
12	has yet to be done.
13	MS. FLOWERS: Did you do the
14	request per the contract when you came
1 5	back to work?
16	MR. HOUSTON: I have one
17	statement to make.
18	MS. FLOWERS: Well, first, when
19	you returned back to work, did you
20	follow the procedures in the negotiated
21	agreement between the bargaining
22	employees and AFS?
23	MR. HOUSTON: I asked to be

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1	reclassified.
2	MS. FLOWERS: But did you
3	follow the steps that
4	MR. HOUSTON: Procedures that
5	are asked? I mean
6	MS. FLOWERS: Did you file a
7	union grievance?
8	MR. HOUSTON: No, I did not.
9	MS. FLOWERS: So you didn't get
10	any assistance in the procedure on
11	requesting okay.
12	MR. HOUSTON: I have one thing
13	to say, though.
14	MS. FLOWERS: Yes.
15	MR. HOUSTON: The manager of
16	the HR, human resource office, was
17	Mr. Ed Brown. He was not there the day
18	that I got terminated.
19	MS. FLOWERS: Didn't you state
20	he was not terminated?
21	MR. WHITNEY: He was not
22	terminated.
23	MS. FLOWERS: Okay. If he

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1	wasn't terminated, why is he not
2	working?
3	MR. WHITNEY: He has failed to
4	apply for a position which we can
. 5	accomodate him for.
6	MS. FLOWERS: So he didn't
7	follow the procedures as outlined,
8	therefore, you haven't he can't work
9	the current position he held.
10	MR. WHITNEY: Yes, ma'am.
11	MS. FLOWERS: And, therefore,
12	he's not terminated, he's just is he
13	just hanging out there until he follows
14	the procedure or what?
15	MR. WHITNEY: I would not know
16	what position to put him in and I can't
17	guess what position he would want. He
18	must submit, by Article 35.1
19	MS. FLOWERS: If he follows the
20	procedures in here and there is a
21	position vacant that meets his
22	restrictions, is he
23	MR. WHITNEY: He is eligible up

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1	to March of 2007.
2	MS. FLOWERS: All right. I
3	don't have anything else.
4	MR. BLEVINS: Mr. Jones?
5	MR. JONES: What's your
6	position with the company?
7	MR. WHITNEY: I'm the HR
8	compliance officer, sir.
9	MR. JONES: HR compliance
10	officer?
11	MR. WHITNEY: Yes, sir.
12	MR. JONES: Now, do I
13	understand that Army Fleet is this
14	the contractor for Rucker between
15	Rotary Wing Aircraft?
16	MR. WHITNEY: Yes, sir.
17	MR. JONES: Is he is the
18	claimant drawing long-term disability?
19	MR. WHITNEY: No, sir.
20	MR. JONES: Short-term
21	disability?
22	MR. WHITNEY: He had run out
23	his short-term disability after six

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1	Page 18 months.
2	MR. JONES: So the short-term
3	disability has been used up?
4	MR. WHITNEY: Yes, sir.
5	MR. JONES: After the
6	short-term disability, do you go on
7	long-term disability? Do you have a
8	long-term disability provision?
9	MR. WHITNEY: Not for
10	bargaining union employees?
11	MR. JONES: Not for bargaining
12	union employees.
13	MR. WHITNEY: However
14	MR. JONES: That that's all
15	right. Wait just a minute. Okay. So
16	Mr. Houston, as Ms. Flowers has pointed
17	out, he is a representative of the unit
18	that is he's an employee of a unit
19	that is covered by labor management
20	agreement?
21	MR. WHITNEY: Yes, sir.
22	MR. JONES: Is that right?
23	MR. WHITNEY: Yes, sir.

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1	Page 19 MP TONES: Okay Undan that
2 .	MR. JONES: Okay. Under that
	labor management agreement, he has
3	certain rights?
4	MR. WHITNEY: Yes, sir.
5	MR. JONES: I heard him I
6	heard the claimant testify what he
7	wanted to be, and I believe it was
8	aircraft scheduler?
9	MR. WHITNEY: Yes, sir.
10	MR. JONES: What the
11	claimant see how I want to say this.
12	What the claimant wants to be and what
13	is available may not necessarily be the
14	same things?
15	MR. WHITNEY: Very true, sir.
16	MR. JONES: Is that right?
17	MR. WHITNEY: Yes, sir.
18	MR. JONES: So if
19	Mr. Houston?
20	MR. HOUSTON: Yes, sir.
21	MR. JONES: Was the only thing
22	you wanted to be an aircraft scheduler?
23	MR. HOUSTON: Yes, sir, because

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1	I was
2	MR. JONES: Was the only thing
3	you wanted to be an aircraft scheduler?
4	MR. HOUSTON: Yes. And I was
5	told
6	MR. JONES: You answered my
7	question.
8	MR. HOUSTON: Yes.
9	MR. JONES: So when an
·10	employee, claimant, under the
11	circumstances says, I want to be this,
12	it's not available, then you don't have
13	anything else, what do you do with him?
14	Is he on leave of absence?
15	MR. WHITNEY: He's an inactive
16	employee right now.
17	MR. JONES: Inactive employee.
18	And under the terms of the agreement,
19	I'm sure there's a provision in there,
. 20	and you may already I think you said
21	'07. He stays as an inactive employee,
22	and it's up to the claimant to initiate
23	the action and not for the company to

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1	go out and say, What do you want to do?
2	He's got to comply with the terms of
3	the bargaining agreement, does he not?
4	MR. WHITNEY: That is correct,
5	sir.
6	MR. JONES: That's all I have.
7	MS. FLOWERS: I have a couple
8	questions for clarification. You said,
9	now, he came back or the last day he
10	worked was September 2, '04?
11	MR. WHITNEY: Yes, ma'am.
12	MS. FLOWERS: What date did
13	he that's the last day he worked,
14	but did he come back after that date?
15	MR. WHITNEY: Yes, ma'am.
16	MS. FLOWERS: What was that
17	date?
18	MR. WHITNEY: This is the day
19	he attempted to return to work.
20	MS. FLOWERS: I just need the
21	date. What date was that?
22	MR. WHITNEY: March 14, '05.
23	MS. FLOWERS: March 14, '05.

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1	Page 22 Okay. Have y'all got a has your
2	contract been extended?
3	MR. WHITNEY: It has actually
4	been changed. The chapters and
5	provisions are the same.
6	MS. FLOWERS: Okay. My part is
7	this part right here. It's still the
8	same?
9	MR. WHITNEY: Yes, ma'am.
10	MS. FLOWERS: What I'm
11	referring to is the recognition of
12	employee union and the management of
13	employees. So nothing changed in this
14 .	particular article?
15	MR. WHITNEY: Article 1, no,
16	ma'am.
17	MS. FLOWERS: Nothing changed.
18	Even though today you've got a new
19	contract with a different date, that .
20	particular article did not change?
21	MR. WHITNEY: No, ma'am.
22	MS. FLOWERS: And I'm talking
23	about the rights per the bargaining

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. 1	agreement.
2.	MR. BLEVINS: Mr. Houston, I
3	just have one question before I go to
4	your attorney. What experience do you
5	have other than aircraft mechanic?
6	Have you worked in another line of
7	work?
8	MR. HOUSTON: Sir, I'm a
9	veteran of the Air Force. I spent
·10	twenty-four years in the Air Force.
11	I've done all facets of aircraft
12	maintenance including being a worker,
13	supervisor, and in management.
14	MR. BLEVINS: What I'm
15	interested in, what type work do you
16	have prior experience in that could be
17	performed within the restrictions that
18	the doctor currently has on you? Do
19	you have any type of clerical
20	experience or anything of that nature?
21	MR. HOUSTON: Yes. I was a
22	flight chief four times in my military
23	career. That had a lot to do with

1	Page 24 clerical performance, writing reports
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	and such.
3	MR. BLEVINS: Okay. Counselor?
. 4	MR. THARPE: First of all, the
5	contract that Mr. Whitney Bob and I
6	go back a long ways. I used to be a
7	union business representative. The
8	blue contract expired in May 2005.
9	MR. BLEVINS: Okay.
-10	MR. THARPE: They have a new
11	contract. As a continuing employee,
12	Mr. Houston now falls under the new
13	contract.
14	MR. BLEVINS: Okay. Everybody
15	agree?
16	MR. WHITNEY: That is correct.
17	MR. THARPE: I have, I believe,
18	six exhibits I would like to enter for
19	consideration on his behalf. It's the
20	new contract, the new job descriptions.
21	Do you have any objection?
22	MR. WHITNEY: No.
23	MR. THARPE: Also, I'd like to

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. 1	enter his doctor's statement and his
2	return-to-work slip.
3	MR. BLEVINS: Do you have
4	copies of these?
5	MR. THARPE: If you don't, I
6	have some. You may not have this.
7	During negotiations if you look at
8	that, look on page 2 under, I believe
. 9	under physical requirements the
10	company attempted to negotiate it into
11	the job descriptions those
12	restrictions. Okay?
13	MS. FLOWERS: They attempted?
14	I want to be sure. You said
15	"attempted," but they did not
16	MR. THARPE: They did not
17	MS. FLOWERS: But they didn't
18	end up
19	MR. THARPE: They did not
20	MS. FLOWERS: in the
21	contract. Okay.
22 .	MR. THARPE: get them. This
23	is the union's counterproposal. And if

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1	Page 20 you'll look in the new job description
2	book, there are no restrictions in that
3	job description book. The company
4	tried to negotiate this and they failed
5 .	to get it, and they can't use those
6	description those restrictions now.
7	If they unilaterally implement those
8	restrictions, it would be unfair labor
. 9	practice: Mr. Houston should be back
10	to work because there are no
11	restrictions in the collective
12	bargaining agreement on the job
13	descriptions.
14	MR. BLEVINS: Comment?
15	MR. WHITNEY: One. Under the
16	new job descriptions, which are
17	approved under physical requirements,
18	Must be physically able to perform
19	duties and responsibilities of
20	classifications. Under on
21	Mr. Houston's return to work by his
22	doctor as an aircraft mechanic, a
23	person has to be able to climb on top

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1	of aircraft, has to be able to work
2	mechanical parts his doctor wrote,
3	Patient may return to work as of
4	March 14, 2005, with no lifting more
5	than 25 pounds, no climbing, no
6	standing more than one and a half
7	hours, no prolonged sitting. You have
8	a copy of this.
9	MR. BLEVINS: We have a copy,
10	that's correct.
11	MR. WHITNEY: These
12	restrictions are so extensive that the
13	person cannot perform the duties of an
14	aircraft mechanic. We also have two
15	statements from two other physicians
16	which were submitted by Mr. Houston on
17	the same day that said that
18	specifically stated, Should not perform
19	heavy lifting, should not perform
20	mechanical work, should be should
21	consider sedentary work. And I have
22	copies of those, if you'd like.
23	MR. THARPE: The company lost

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1	their right to deny employment by using
2	restrictions when they failed to get it
3	in the new collective bargaining
4	agreement in the job descriptions.
5	They couldn't negotiate it, so they
6	don't have it.
7	MS. FLOWERS: Let me clear
8	this. He's not fired?
9	MR. THARPE: No.
10	MS. FLOWERS: He's not
11	terminated?
12	MR. WHITNEY: Correct. You're
13	correct.
14	MS. FLOWERS: Okay. So what
15	we're waiting on is for him to comply.
16	And then if there's a job that meets
17	that, he can have a job?
18	MR. WHITNEY: Yes, ma'am.
19	MS. FLOWERS: And you're saying
20	the job descriptions don't have any
21	MR. THARPE: Not anymore.
22	MS. FLOWERS: Doesn't have that
23	in there, which okay. But it does

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	1	say he has to be able to perform those
	2	duties?
	3	MR. THARPE: Yes.
	4	MS. FLOWERS: And I think under
	5	his own testimony today you said you
	6	were not able to do aircraft mechanic
	7	work anymore, but you could do this
	8	other job. Is that the only job that
	. 9	you want to apply for?
	10	MR. HOUSTON: Well, ma'am, it's
	11	one of the jobs that I have experience
	12	at as
	13	MS. FLOWERS: Yeah.
	14	MR. HOUSTON: the Air Force,
	15	because I worked with our flight
	16	schedule extensively.
	17	MS. FLOWERS: Well, I'm not as
	18	familiar with this contract as I am
	19	with some of the others. I am familiar
	20	with the other local and their contract
•	21	and some others. But does it not say
	22	anywhere in the contract let me
	23	is there any policy or procedure or
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1	anything in the contract that has some
2	language that specifically tells how
3	you deal more specifically of how
4	you deal with employees that cannot
5	perform those duties?
6	MR. WHITNEY: Yes, ma'am. Once
7	again, article the articles that I
8	have mentioned before. And this falls
9	into the ADA, which is Article 1714.
10	MS. FLOWERS: Right. I saw
11	that.
12	MR. WHITNEY: He falls into
13	Article 4.7, which is a person who is
14	not physically able to do their job may
15	displace a less senior person in a job
16	that they're qualified for and that
17	they apply for. That's the key. They
18	have to apply for the position under
19	MS. FLOWERS: Okay.
20	MR. HOUSTON: 35.1.
21	MS. FLOWERS: You've answered
22	my question. What I'm saying is, most
23	of them have language that they come

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1	back, they have these restrictions,
2	they give it to you and let you look at
3	where there's a vacancy you can place
4	them. But what you're saying, you have
5	no obligation to place him unless he
6	requests to be considered for those
7	positions. Am I correct?
8	MR. WHITNEY: Yes. According
9	to the contract.
10	MS. FLOWERS: According to
11	y'all's contract. Okay. I'm following
12	you.
13	MR. THARPE: Mr. Houston could
14	be accommodated as an aircraft mechanic
15	because on aircraft daily crews on the
16	TH67, OH58-Ds, and OH58-Cs, there's a
17	guy doing the daily inspection on the
18	tail boom, the engine, and the cockpit
19	that never has to climb and the
20	heaviest thing he picks up is a
21	screwdriver. Now, they usually have
22	two people on the daily crew and one
23	guy gets the high and the other guy

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1	stays on the ground. And Mr. Whitney
2	knows that.
3	MS. FLOWERS: Are you you're
4	an attorney?
5	MR. THARPE: Yes, ma'am.
6	MS. FLOWERS: Do you work
7	for the local or do you
8	MR. THARPE: I work I worked
9	on these contracts thirty-six years
10	and
11	MS. FLOWERS: Yeah. But do you
12	work for the local? Are you here .
13	representing the local or just here
14	MR. THARPE: No. I represent
15	Mr. Houston.
16	MS. FLOWERS: as an attorney
17	representing him?
18	MR. THARPE: Yes.
19	MR. JONES: Mr. Whitney?
20	MR. WHITNEY: Yes, sir.
21	MR. JONES: Is there a form, a
22	specific form, that the claimant would
23	fill out?

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1	MR. WHITNEY: Yes, sir, 226.
2	MR. JONES: You didn't have
3	a you don't have a copy of that?
4	You didn't bring a copy?
5	MR. WHITNEY: I didn't.
6	MR. JONES: But there is a
7	specific form?
8	MR. WHITNEY: We have them
9	in bulk in our office.
10	MR. JONES: And under the labor
11	agreement, he would have to ask for one
12	of those forms?
13	MR. WHITNEY: Yes, sir.
14	MR. JONES: And he would fill
15	it out?
16.	MR. WHITNEY: Yes, sir.
17	MR. JONES: Now, Mr. Tharpe, did I hear you say that there were no restrictions on the claimant?
18	did I hear you say that there were no
19	restrictions on the claimant?
20	MR. THARPE: There are no
21	restrictions
22	MR. JONES: Did I hear you
23	say

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	MR. THARPE: under the
2	MR. JONES: Did I hear you
3	say
4	MR. THARPE: collective
5	bargaining agreement.
6	MR. JONES: Did I hear you say
. 7	that there were no restrictions on the
8	claimant?
9	MR. THARPE: No. No. The
10	doctor
11	MR. JONES: I thought I heard
12	you say that he could be an aircraft
13	mechanic, could work as an aircraft
14	mechanic?
15	MR. THARPE: Under the
16	Americans with Disabilities Act, which
17	is in the collective bargaining
18	agreement, he could be accommodated and
19	he could do those aircraft mechanic
20	jobs where he doesn't have to climb.
21	There's they have I don't know how
22	many
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2	reasonable accommodations.
3	MS. FLOWERS: Okay.
4	MR. THARPE: As required under
5	the ADA. Mr. Houston wants to work.
6.	He doesn't want to be drawing
.7	unemployment or be unemployed.
8	MR. JONES: That's all I have,
9	Mr. Chairman.
10	MS. FLOWERS: I'm through.
11	MR. BLEVINS: Hearing is
12	concluded. Thank you very much.
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The request is considered on file the day your supervisor signs it (Unless it is returned to you as invalid). DO NOT SEND A RECEIPT (The yellow copy) to Personnel. Keep it so you will know what type request you have on file.

A SHIFT/WORK WEEK REQUEST FORM IS VALID ONLY IN THE CLASSIFICATION AND BONUS PAY JOB HELD AT THE TIME IT IS FILED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 35.2(D) OF THE CBA.

Section A - Check your current shift preference project (location).

Section B - List your name, employee number, present classficiation, shift, workweek, seniority date, and the LAST four digits of your social security number.

Section C - Indicate your choices by numbering them 1, 2, 3, etc. Do not list your current shift unless you are currently working odd work week and requesting different off days.

Section D - Complete this section if you are requesting an Odd Work Week shift under Section C

Initial the form where indicated if you ONLY want your selected off day choices and you will be bypased until your choices are available and seniority permits.

THIS FORM IS USED ONLY FOR MOVEMENT WITHIN YOUR CURRENT SHIFT PREFERENCE PROJECT

**If you have a valid Shift/Work Week Request on file and submit another one , the one on file is replaced by the new one when it becomes valid.